

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EDISON COMPANY (U 338 E) to Review and
Recover Transition Cost Balancing Account
Entries from July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001
and Various Generation-Related Memorandum
Account Entries.

Application 01-09-004
(Filed September 4, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING THE MOTION
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER**

On March 22, 2002, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed a motion requesting an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Ruling preserving the confidentiality of certain information contained in the Confidential Workpapers in Workpaper Volume 17, Chapter V of the above referenced Application. SCE states that the Confidential Workpapers contain proprietary operating cost and dispatch information concerning SCE's lease and operation of the Riverside Canal Generating Station during the 2001 ATCP review period. SCE requests an order under California Public Utilities Code Section 538 and General Order 66-C to preserve the confidentiality of the Confidential Workpapers and documents related thereto, including hearing transcripts, through the course of these proceedings and thereafter.

This ruling grants SCE's motion in part. This Commission has already held that proprietary business information should be held confidential in circumstances where public disclosure of such information would subject

regulated utilities to an unfair business disadvantage, or would confer an unfair competitive advantage on other entities. SCE asserts that public disclosure of the information in the Confidential Workpapers could place SCE at a disadvantage in negotiating any future lease or conducting generating and dispatch operations related to the Riverside Canal Generating Station, or with regard to any similar lease with another business entity.

Accordingly, **IT IS RULED** as follows:

1. The Confidential Workpapers shall be sealed and protected from public disclosure by the Commission's Docket Office, File Room, and all Commission employees and agents who may receive a copy of the Confidential Material and its attachments in the course of their duties.

2. SCE shall be excused from the requirement of providing a copy of the Confidential Material and its attachments to interested parties (other than employees and agents of the Commission) until such parties sign a binding

3. Whether hearings with respect to the Confidential Workpapers shall be closed to the public, and transcripts sealed, shall be determined under the issue crisis.

4. This protective order shall expire two years from this date, unless further extended.

Dated March 27, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Robert Barnett

Robert Barnett
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting the Motion for a Protective Order by Southern California Edison Company on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 27, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen
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